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SUBJECT: EC-ARAB DIALOGUE

REF: ROME 15654

1. EMBOFF QUERIED ITALIAN EMBASSY HERE RE ANSA ITEM CITED PARA 9, REFTEL, WHICH CLAIMED ARAB LEAGUE REQUESTED ITALIAN GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKE STEPS NECESSARY FOR URGENT CONVOCATION OF EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE TO EXAMINE POLITICAL ASPECTS OF DIALOGUE.

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2. ITALIAN EMBOFF SUMMARIZED FOR US HIS AMBASSADOR'S REPORTING

CABLE FOLLOWING LATTER'S MEETING WITH ARAB LEAGUE SYG RIAD OCT 22.
RIAD SAID HE HAD TWO MESSAGES CONVEY: (A) SINCE ARAB SIDE REQUIRED
SIX DAY PREPARATION PERIOD BEFORE EXPERTS MEETING, AL WISHED TO
KNOW SOONEST IF NOV 22-27 DATES FOR ABU DHABI WERE AGREEABLE;
(B) RIAD WISHED AMBASSADOR TO CONVEY AL'S FORMAL REQUEST TO
GOI AS EC CHAIRMAN THAT DATE BE SET FOR GENERAL COMMITTEE.
RIAD STRESSED THAT THESE TWO REQUESTS ARE IN NO RPT NO WAY LINKED.

3. SYG SAID MUCH SAME THING IN SUBSEQUENT LOCAL TV INTERVIEW.
NEITHER WE NOR ITALIANS HAVE TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW BUT NEITHER
OF US BELIEVE RIAD TALKED ABOUT "URGENT" NECESSITY OF EXAMINING
POLITICAL ASPECTS OF DIALOGUE, AS APPARENTLY REPORTED BY ANSA.
(INCIDENTALLY, ANSA CORRESPONDENT IN CAIRO DENIES HE EVER FILED
SUCH A STORY.) ITALIAN EMB CONFIRMS "SOME" ARABS ARE PRESSING IN
THIS DIRECTION, BUT RIAD IS NOT.

4. EC DEL IS NOW SCHEDULED ARRIVE CAIRO NOV 5 FOR TALKS WITH
RIAD IN PREPARATION FOR ADU DHABI MEETING. LOCAL PRESS QUOTES
AL SPOKESMAN AS ANNOUNCING ARAB SIDE WILL CONVENE IN
ABU DHABI NOV 15 TO COORDINATE POSITIONS IN DETAIL.
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